Procurement of Rice (Including Paddy in terms of Rice)

Kharif Marketing Season	(Fig. in Lakh Mts)
1992-93	130.19
1993-94	142.41
1994-95	137.06
1995-96 (AS ON 1.7.96)	97.12

Review of Procurement of Rice and other Foodgrains

138. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any review on the procurement of rice and other foodgrains;

(b) if so, the target and achievement in 1995-96 (foodgrain-wise);

(c) whether there is a shortfall in the procurement of rice and wheat during the current year;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken to overcome the problem and to achieve the target?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Wheat, paddy and coarsegrains are procured for Central Pool under minimum price support scheme on a totally voluntary basis. Rice is procured under a system of statutory levy imposed on rice millers and traders. The quantum of levy rice collected in turn depends on the quantity of paddy purchased by the millers. No target for procurement of wheat, rice and coarsegrains can thus be fixed.

A quantity of 81.35 lakh tonnes of wheat has been procured upto 1.7.1996 during the current Rabi Marketing Season 1996-97 as compared with 122.05 lakh tonnes procured during the corresponding period last year. The procurement of rice (including paddy in terms of rice) for the Central Pool has been 97.33 lakh tonnes as on 1.7.96 in the current Kharif Marketing Season 1995-96 as compared to 130.80 lakh tonnes procured during the corresponding period last year.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Main reasons for lesser procurement of wheat are the actual production being less than the original estimate; and increase in the international prices of wheat resulting in purchase by exporters. Similarly, the increase in price of rice in the international market, damage to the paddy crops due to excessive rains during August and September, 1995 and exemption from levy to the rice meant for export are the main reasons for lesser procurement of rice.

(e) Government has sufficient stocks of wheat and rice in the Central Pool to meet the requirement of PDS/RPDS and other Government sponsored schemes.

उद्योग स्थापित करने हेतु प्रस्ताव

139. **श्री अजीत जोगी: क्या उद्योग** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) किन-किन देशों में उद्योगों की स्थापना के लिए प्रस्ताव प्रस्तुत किये हैं और ऐसे कितने प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुए हैं;

(ख) ऐसे कितने विदेशी उद्योगपति हैं जो भारत में पूंजीनिवेश करने के इच्छुक हैं तथा जिनके प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन हैं; और

(ग) इसके परिणामस्वरूप उत्पन्न होने वाले रोजगार के अवसरों की संख्या के संबंध में यदि कोई सर्वेक्षण कराया गया है तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री मुरासोली मारन): (क) अन्य देशों सहित निम्नलिखित देशों ने उद्योगों की स्थापना हेतु प्रस्ताव प्रस्तुत किये हैं:—

यू॰के॰/यू॰एस॰ए॰/नीदरलैण्ड/इटली/फ्रांस/जर्मनी/जापान स्वीटजरलैण्ड/सींगापुर/हांग कांग/डेनमार्क/मरीशस/